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((EXCERPTS)) ((AL-QADHDHAFI CONTINUES)) IN FACT, THE BLOODLETTING AND INFIGHTING AMONG ARABS IS AN EMBARRASSMENT BEFORE THE WORLD AND IS USELESS. WE HAVE NOT EVEN SEEN SERIOUS ORIENTATIONS FOR WHICH EVERYONE WOULD MAKE SACRIFICES. IF THE POLISARIO WAS A REVOLUTION AIMED AT CHANGING THE BORDERS, THE ECONOMIC SYSTEM, AND THE POLITICAL SYSTEM IN THE ENTIRE REGION AND AT MOBILIZING THE POWERS IN THE REGION TO DIRECT THEM TOWARD PALESTINE OR AT ACHIEVING ARAB UNITY, FAIR ENOUGH; IT WOULD HAVE HAD THE SUPPORT OF EVEN THE MOROCCAN, LIBYAN, AND ALGERIAN YOUTH AND IT WOULD HAVE BECOME WIDER.

WE SUPPORTED THE POLISARIO IN THE BEGINNING BECAUSE IT WAS A REVOLUTIONARY EXPLOSION BUT WHEN IT BECAME A MOVEMENT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN ORDER TO ADD A NEW MINI-ARAB STATE, THIS DEMAND IS NOT ENCOURAGING FOR US NOR FOR THE ENTIRE NATION. WITH 20 STATES, THERE IS NO NEED TO ADD A 21ST STATE, ANOTHER MINI-STATE. WE ARE PROTESTING AGAINST THE EXISTENCE OF ALL THESE STATELETS, WHICH SHOULD BE ONE SINGLE STATE. SO HOW CAN WE ACCEPT THE ADDITION OF ANOTHER SMALL STATE?

HAVING SAID THAT, THE INHABITANTS OF SAQIA AL-HAMRA AND RIO DE ORO ARE HUMAN BEINGS AND THEY ARE A PEOPLE WHOSE WILL MUST BE RESPECTED. WE MUST NOT INVADE THEM OR ATTACK THEM AS WE WOULD ATTACK A FLOCK OF SHEEP OR WILD ANIMALS. IS THE REASON WHY WE IN FACT SUPPORTED THE STANDS OF THE POLISARIO ((WORDS INDISTINCT)) BECAUSE THE WILL OF THIS PEOPLE MUST BE RESPECTED, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IT IS BIG OR SMALL. THE HUMAN WILL AND THE ASPIRATIONS ARE NOT MEASURED IN NUMBERS; THESE THINGS ARE MORAL AND NOT MATERIAL. THE SAHRAWI PEOPLE MUST HAVE THE RIGHT FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND IN THIS WE AGREE WITH THE ALGERIAN LEADERSHIP AND WE AGREE ON THE NEED FOR THE SAHRAWI PEOPLE TO HAVE SELF-DETERMINATION. I BELIEVE THAT THE CURRENT MEASURES ARE AIMED AT GIVING THE SAHRAWI PEOPLE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DECIDE ITS FUTURE WITH A YES OR A NO. THIS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. ALL THE EFFORTS MUST BE NOW MADE TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE REFERENDUM, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY SAY YES OR NO. THIS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO IN FACT.

WITH REGARD TO THE MAGHREBIAN TRENDS, WE ARE INDEED VERY GLAD, BECAUSE THE ARABS' AWARENESS HAS REACHED A STAGE WHERE THEY KNOW THAT UNITY IS A NECESSITY. WE HAVE BEEN RAISING THIS SLOGAN FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS, AND WE HAVE BEEN SAYING THATUNITY WAS NECESSARY AND THAT THESE MINI-STATES COULD NOT SURVIVE HENCEFORTH. THE WORLD HAS NOW TURNED INTO GREAT BLOCS. LUCKILY A GREAT POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND MILITARY BLOC HAS EMERGED BESIDE US -- NAMELY THE EEC THIS BLOC MIGHT BECOME A SINGLE STATE IN 1992. THIS HAS PROVOKED US AND HAS BROUGHT HOME TO THE ARABS THAT THE WORLD HAD INDEED TURNED INTO GREAT BLOCS. ((PASSAGE OMITTED REITERATING THEME,))

IF THE UNITY OF THE MAGHREB IS NOT A STEP TOWARD ARAB UNITY, IT WIL BE INCOMPLETE, AND IT MIGHT EVEN HARM THE ARAB

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UNITY AS A NATION, BECAUSE THE COLONIALISTS ARE TRYING TO PREVENT THE ARAB NATION FROM BEING THE SAME NATION. FOR TIME THE COLONIALISTS HAD BEEN TALKING ABOUT THE UNITY OF THE FERTILE CRESCENT, THE UNITY OF THE NILE VALLEY, THE UNITY OF THE MAGHREB IN ORDER TO INCITE THE POPULISTS WHO DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THEY WERE ARABS. THEY HOPED TO SEE A POPULIST MOVEMENT SET UP A NON-ARAB STATE IN NORTH AFRICA, ANOTHER NON-ARAB STATE IN THE NILE VALLEY, AND A THIRD STATE IN THE FERTILE CRESCENT. THE OBJECTIVE OF ALL THESE UNITIES WAS TO SEE THE POPULIST NON-ARAB DEFEAT THE ARAB. OBVIOUSLY THERE IS A BIG FALLACY WITH REGARD TO THE BERBERS IN THE ARAB HOMELAND; THEY ARE ARABS, ESPECIALLY IN NORTH AFRICA. WE DO NOT CONSIDER THEM A MINORITY. I DO NOT KNOW HOW THIS TOPIC IS DEALT WITH IN ALGERIA. WE DO NOT CONSIDER THE BERBERS A MINORITY. THE MINORITY IS THE ONE THAT DOES NOT BELONG TO THIS NATION; IT IS A MINORITY OF A DIFFERENT RACE, SUCH AS THE KURDS OR THE ARMENIANS -- THEY ARE MINORITIES. AS FOR THE BERBERS, THEY ARE PRE-ISLAM ARABS, CONSEQUENTLY WE CANNOT CONSIDER THEM A MINORITY AT ALL. THE HISTORICAL EVIDENCE AND TESTIMONIES CONFIRM THE BERBERS' ARABISM.

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